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PHI ANNIVERSARY REPRESENTATIVES



The following Philomathians took part in their Anniversary Program Saturday night week. They are: top row from right to left—Charles Fisher, orator; Derrell Middleton, declaimer; Billy Wright, orator; and John Washburn, declaimer. Bottom row from right to left—Freeman Wright, debater; Harry Ward, debater; Thomas Merrell, debater; and Clyde Meredith, debater.

PHILOMATHIAN PROGRAM REVEALS OPERANT WORK OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

Society Celebrates 43rd Year of Existence; Anniversary is Acclaimed Success

AUDITORIUM WELL-FILLED

Ninety-three members of the Philomathian Literary Society and their sister Clios, with a great host of friends and patrons of the Society, gathered in the College Auditorium Saturday night December 2, to witness the celebration of the forty-third anniversary of their Society, the presentation of which, was considered by many to be one of the most brilliant of the Philomathian Anniversary programs.

The singing of the "Alma Mater," by the audience opened the program, and was followed with prayer offered by Dr. O. E. Sams.

After the challenge of Sportsmanship and loyalty in the societies had been given by the Philomathian president, Vance Hardin, the secretary of the evening, Linwood Todd, announced the first number of the program, which was a beautiful rendition of Schubert's "Serenade" played on the violin by Miss Alice Earley and Miss Sara Barrett accompanied at the piano by Miss Mary Childs.

The Declamation, "Telesis," was given by Darrell Middleton and was followed by an Oration, "The Inner Light" delivered by Billy Wright, former Phi President.

At this point, several beautiful spiritual selections were rendered by the Phi Quartet, composed of: John Corbett, John Washburn, Virgil Cox, and Thurman Briggs.

The feature of the evening was the debate—Resolved: That the Advantages of the Sales Tax Outweigh the Disadvantages. The affirmative side of the question was upheld by Harry Ward and Freeman Wright with such decisiveness, that the judges: H. M. Clement, Mars Hill; The Rev. Shumaker, Marshall; and Carl W. Rogers, Statesville, were influenced to award them a unanimous decision over their opponents, Thomas Merrell and Clyde Meredith.

This was followed by a trumpet solo by Billy Wright.

The Declamation, "America's Uncrowned," delivered by John Washburn was followed by an Oration, (Continued on page 4)

Clio Society Reception Is Brilliant Affair

Clio-Phis Give Varied Program; A Number of Former Clios Attend Reception.

On December 9, the Clio Literary Society celebrated its forty-third Anniversary by entertaining their Philomathian brothers, the former Clios and Philomathians, and the faculty of the college at a reception held in Moore Hall.

The entrance hall, decorated with evergreens, depicted a typical winter night scene complete with the moon shining softly on the snow. The guests passed from this frosty scene of beauty up the stairs where they were met by Misses Dorothy Early and Margaret Hines, who announced them to the receiving line. The receiving line was composed of Miss Lillian Whitehurst, president of the Clio Society; Mr. John Corbett, her escort; Mr. William Martin, Philomathian president; Mrs. R. L. Moore; Dr. R. L. Moore, president of the college; Miss Eva Robbins; Mr. Spenser King; Miss Frances Burnett, president of the Nonpareil Literary Society; Mr. Robert Scruggs, her escort; Miss Pearl Huffman; Mr. Vance Harding, president of the Euthalian Literary Society; Miss Katherine Hollowell; Mr. Robert Burnett; Mrs. I. N. (Continued on page 3)

MISS FRANCES ROUGHTON AND RUSSELL ANDREWS WIN SPEAKING CONTEST

Fifty-Five Contestants From W.N.C. High Schools Enter 2-Day Contest Here

42 SCHOOLS ENTER

Readers and declaimers, representing forty-two schools of western North Carolina, participated in the fifth annual contest held here Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8th and 9th. Miss Frances Roughton of Old Fort was awarded first place in the girl's division, and Russell Andrews of Saluda, won first place in the boy's division.

Miss Roughton gave as her reading, "Some Other Birds are Taught to Sing," winning the silver loving cup for Old Fort for the first time. If her school wins the contest next year they will win its permanent possession. Russell Andrews gave "The Unknown Soldier" to win the declaimer's cup for Saluda High School.

From the fifty-five contestants in the preliminary contest Friday afternoon six boys and six girls were selected for the final contest Saturday morning: Sara Jarrett, Andrews; Woodfin Rhodes, Valley Springs; Frances Roughton, Old Fort; Russell Andrews, Saluda; Jane Hunter, Cull-Whew; Hattie Grisette, Valdese; Fay Friel, Marshall; Vaughan Whitaker, Mooresboro; Elizabeth Fleetwood, Mars Hill; Bob Morgan, Fruit-land Institute; Arthur Francis, Haynesville; Helen Cloer, Hudson.

R. M. Lee, chairman of the committee in charge of the contest, and the judges for the different groups declared that the speeches were of unusually high type, even better than in previous years. Mr. Lee also expressed appreciation of the wide interest taken in the contest.

Some of the counties held preliminary contests before entering the general contest at Mars Hill.

The contestants were: Tamont H. S., Johnnie Hawkins. Andrews H. S., Gibbs Prevost. Bald Creek H. S., Harold Bailey. Markardsville H. S., Charles McDaris. Jack Mt. H. S., Thomas Summey. Anderson H. S., Willis Bennett. Mallowhee H. S., Pritchard Smith, Jr. Meyville H. S., Manuel Pressley. Lensboro H. S., Charles Padgett. Towah H. S., Herbert Hank. (Continued on page 4)

Nonpareils Entertain At Annual Reception

Mrs. O'Henry Is Among Those In Receiving Line; Formal Reception Enjoyed.

One of the most brilliant events of the social year was the Nonpareil Literary Society reception, held on November twenty-fifth at eight-fifteen o'clock. The reception was in celebration of the thirty-eighth season of the society; throughout the evening luncheon, faculty, brother society, the Philomathian, and friends were graciously entertained.

As the guests entered the Administration Building, wraps were checked. The lower floor was lighted by candles, and the Society colors, black and gold, were artistically displayed in decoration. At the head of the stairs, the announcers introduced the guests to the receiving line which included: Miss Frances Burnett, president of the Nonpareils, and her escort, Robert Scruggs; Mrs. William Porter, honorary member of the society and honor guest for the evening; Mrs. Erskine, of Weaver; Mrs. President and Mrs. R. L. Moore, and Mrs. O. E. Sams; Miss Lillian Whitehurst, president of the Clio Literary Society, and E. W. Scruggs; William Martin, president of the Philomathian Society. (Continued on page 4)

DRAMATISTS ACT IN VARIED PLAYS

Two Groups Give One Act Sketch And Negro Play; Favorable Work Being Done By Club.

On Tuesday night, November 21, at a meeting of the Dramatic Club, the Dramateers' group, directed by Miss Evelyn Crawford, presented a Negro play of unusual interest. The characters were:

Ira, Marguerite Stanley's hen-pecked father L. C. Chiles
Leonidas Norwood, Marguerite's "rural" admirer Edgar Kirk
Kate, Marguerite's domineering stepmother Iris Rabb
Marguerite Stanley, of vaudeville fame Marion McManus
Wilbur Johnson, Marguerite's "city" admirer Jarvis Lawrence

Because of the excellent interpretation of their particular roles, L. C. Chiles was voted the best actor, and Marian McManus outstanding among the young ladies.

At the last meeting of the Club, the Thalian group, led by Miss Virginia Ballard, presented the sophisticated one-act play, "Bargains in Cathay," by Rachel Field.

The scene of the play was laid in the book department of a large store. Lillian Whitehurst, successful in the role of the saleslady, persuaded her prospective father-in-law and the proprietor of the store (Bill Dancy) to buy a volume of the poems of his son (John Washburn), and thereby gained the consent of the father for the son to pursue his course in writing.

The other characters were: The head of the department, Katherine Wakefield; the clever office boy, Harry. (Continued on page 3)

MINISTERS

The Ministerial Conference met November 16 and elected the following officers:

President Freeman Wright
Vice-President Daniel Johnson
Secretary James Bruce
Pianist Brownlow Hastings
Reporter Bill Dancy

The Ministerial Students on our campus have made their influence felt for righteousness more strongly than in previous years.

The Ministerial Students have had the privilege of having three of the outstanding preachers of the south to speak to them this Semester. Dr. (Continued on page 4)

Thanksgiving Service Led By Austin Crouch

Executive Secretary Of Executive Committee Of S. B. C. Spends Three Days Here.

Mars Hill College has many traditions. Those woven around Thanksgiving are older than the first official proclamation and as picturesque as the scene the Indians behold on the first Thanksgiving morning. Some twenty-odd "Pilgrims and Indians" sang from the stage in the college auditorium at which program Dr. Austin Crouch, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached the Thanksgiving sermon.

The "Pilgrims and Indians," students of the college and members of the Mars Hill glee club assembled at five o'clock Thursday morning in the Baptist Student Union building. Through the cool early morning darkness they wandered in couples to the home of President R. L. Moore, to the deans' homes and homes of the teachers, and to the boys' homes, Melrose and Brown Halls, and to Spilman, girls' home.

Such hymns as "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" and "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" met the ears of the sleepers, who awoke wondering if they had left the radio on, to the realization that it was Thanksgiving Day. Their ears heard and thrilled at the beauty of the music, but it was breakfast time before their eyes could behold their Pilgrim friends as they stood in waiting in the dining hall. Songs were sung as the students filed in to breakfast. The Doxology was sung as the students silently gave thanks to God for His many blessings.

As the eleven o'clock service began the line of Pilgrims, the men with their tall hats and the women with their simple white collars and looking very demure in their pure white bonnets, marched into the auditorium singing. They took their seats on the stage, the Indians and children sitting on the floor.

The congregation, made up mostly of students, sang America, and after the prayer, little Miss (Puritan) McLeod and Master (Indian) Wood, children of faculty members, sang a duet.

Following Dr. Crouch's sermon a collection was taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. This is also traditional. Every student and (Continued on page 4)

LIBRARY ANNEX IS BIG ASSET

New Addition Doubles Size Of Montague Library, New Equipment Increases Efficiency.

Since the annex has been completed, Montague Library has become much useful and spacious. The size of the former has been doubled. It was twenty-one feet by fifty feet. Nine tables for reading have been installed for the convenience of the studiously inclined collegians.

The rocks of the annex were gathered from this county, which is Madison, as were the rocks of the older section of the building.

Besides increasing the size of the building itself, the seating capacity has been tripled. Books have been arranged more accessibly and the system of cataloging has been improved.

Miss Gladys Johnson, college librarian, has been conducting special classes in "How to Use the Library Properly."

Montague Library, noted by the *Outdoor Magazine* as the most picturesque library building in the South, is the gift of Colonel H. Montague of Winston-Salem. It was "affectionately dedicated to his devoted wife by H. Montague; A. D. 1918. The complete name of the library is Estella Nissen Montague Library.

There is a bit of human interest behind the story of how the library was given to the school. Mrs. Moore, of Mars Hill was visiting in Colonel Montague's home in Winston-Salem. He had mentioned the fact that he wanted to show his devotion to his wife before she died. Jokingly, Mrs. Moore asked, "Why don't you build (Continued on page 2)

LETTERMEN

Sixteen sturdy boys of the Mars Hill football squad have been given block numerals for participation in and work during the recently-ended football season. They were Fox, Nettles, Rabb, Bailey, Stroupe, Ammons, Vincent, Burnett, W. Edwards, Davis, Corpeneing, Jarvey, Corbett, Bunker, Hodges, and Boney.

Eight of these men received their letter for the second year. They are Fox, Nettles, and Rabb, all backfield men; and Stroupe, Ammons, Burnett, Corbett, and Hodges, linemen. Hodges, who last year was a backfield man, won his letter this year from a (Continued on page 2)